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Japanese Utility-Model Patent Laid-Open No. 3-5873. An English language translation of portions of this document is attached.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 62-29687. This document corresponds to United Kingdom Patent Application No. 2 178 475, a copy of which is enclosed.

The third document cited in the Official Action, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-64686, was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 19, 2002 and has been considered by the Examiner. Thus, this document is not cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449 and a copy of the document is not provided. For informational purposes, it is noted that U.S. Patent No. 6,168,215 corresponds to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-64686.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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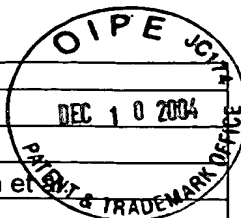
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